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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. POSSIBLE HASC VISIT (STATE 58501). ORDINARILY, AS YOU KNOW, WE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT OF THIS SIZE AND FOCUS. IT WOULD GIVE ROMANIANS USEFUL EXPOSURE TO FRESH VIEWS ON STATUS OF MAJOR ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS AND HELPFUL FEELING OF EQUALITY WITH SOVIETS, AND IT WOULD GIVEN CONGRESSMEN FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO ROMANIANS VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT, TO BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED. WE ALSO THINK ROMANIANS WOULD TREAT THEM WELL, AND THAT THEY COULD EXPECT APPOINTMENTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE THEY WILL GET IN MOSCOW OR BETTER (TOUTES PROPORTIONS GARDEES). AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO GIVE DELEGATION ATTENTION AND SERVICING IT DESERVES, AND TIMING COULD NOT BE WORSE FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE AND POL COUNSELOR ABSENT AND ANBASSADOR EITHER IN LAST STAGES OR PREPARATION FOR CEAUSESCU VISIT OR GONE ALREADY. WEIGHING ADVANTAGES AGAINST PROBLEMS, WE MUST DEPEND UPON YOUR BEST JUDGMENT AND SHOULD HASC DECIDE THEY REALLY WISH TO COME TO ROMANIA AT THIS TIME WE WILL GIVEN THEM OUR BEST EFFORT.

2. AGATT FOR BUCHAREST (STATE 47747, PARA 4). WE WANTED TO TALK MATTER OVER WITH FRECKMANN BEFORE REPLYING. THE ANSWER IS THAT SUMMER ARRIVAL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO EMBASSY,
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ON THE ASSUMPTION USDA UNDERSTANDS THAT THE EARLIER HE AND HIS AMERICAN SECRETARY ARRIVE, THE MORE CHANCE THEY WILL HAVE

TO PUT UP WITH CRAMPED OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL QUARTERS FOR A WHILE. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE FOR NEW UNIT AT BATISTEI, BUT TIMING OF MOVE TO ANNEX AS WELL AS DETAILS OF SPACE ASSIGNMENTS ARE STILL UNCLEAR. FURTHER,

WE ARE CONVINCED--AND FRECKMANN AGREES THAT THE MORE ROMANIAN
LANGUAGE THE BUCHAREST AGATT HAS BEFORE ARRIVING, THE MORE
EFFECTIVE HE WILL BE ONCE HE ARRIVES.
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